



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT (Health and Human Services Committee)

Date: May 4, 2015

Agenda Item #: 3

Agenda Item: *Consider and develop recommendations regarding the approval of a resolution directing the City Manager to review options and consider developing a benefits program proposal for applied behavioral analysis benefits as part of the City employee benefits package in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 proposed budget.*

Vote

4-0, Council Members Houston, Tovo, Garza, and Troxclair vote in favor.

Original Sponsors/Department: *Draft Resolution from Council Member Garza considered.*

Summary of Discussion

Staff provided benchmark data from other cities, cost projections and suggested “a pilot program to acquire actual plan costs...” Committee members asked when would the new benefit potentially begin, staff responded January 1, 2016.

Public Comments

Eight citizen speakers provided testimony, and data, in support of Applied Behavioral Analysis treatment, including Shelly Sully, Lisa Whitted, Ann Hart, Jacquie Benestante, Ron Lucee, Jon Hockenyos, and Rene Craft.

Direction

Recommendation to the full Council for consideration.

Recommendation:

Motion by Council Member Houston, a recommendation to the full Council, that the City Manager include Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy in the 2015-2016 budget and identify level of funding options. Seconded by Council Member Garza, motion carries 4-0.